Trees licensed for tapping.

151. *Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai: (*Quilon* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of trees licensed for tapping by the Excise Department in 1119;

(*b*) the quantity of toddy obtained from these trees in 1119;

(*c*) the quantity of arrack issued by the said Department to licensed vendors in 1119; and

(*d*) the quantity of liquor of different varieties of the T. S. C. issued to licensed vendors in 1119?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: (*a*) 2,14,616.

(*b*) About 12538222 gallons.

(*c*) 331507 bulk gallons.

(*d*) 40150 Qts. 20124 Pts.

Prices of fish oil for vallams, tobacco, salt, chillies, medicines, etc.

152. *Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the prices of fish oil for vallams, tobacco, salt, chillies, medicines and many other articles necessary for the use of the people are excessive;

(*b*) whether they have controlled the prices of fish oil, tobacco etc.;

(*c*) what is the duty on tobacco per candy; and

(*d*) whether the price of Rs. 5 to 6 a pound of tobacco is in proportion to the duty levied?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Prices of tobacco, salt and medicines have been controlled.

(*c*) Jaffna tobacco B. Rs. 200 per candy;
Coimbatore tobacco B. Rs. 150 per candy;
Tinnevelly tobacco B. Rs. 150 per candy;

(*d*) The assumption that tobacco is sold at Rs. 5 or Rs. 6 a pound is not correct.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know from the Government whether they are aware that the fish oil is sold at Rs. 25 per ton?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: No, Sir.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know from the Government that if the fact is true, they would enquire into the matter and help the industry?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: Yes, Sir.

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